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Important Information from Amador Valley High School via your PTSA.



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**AV EXPRESS 2017 - 2018 School Year: February 2, 2018 Edition**

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**Upcoming Events:**

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| February 3rd  | <u><a href="#">Overloaded and Underprepared Parenting Forum</a></u> , Keynote Speaker: Denise Pope, Ph.D., 9am - noon, Harvest Park |
| February 12th | NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Birthday Holiday  |
| February 15th | College Night for Juniors! 7-9 pm in the Amador Theater   |
| February 19th | NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day Holiday  |

February 21st	<u>ACT Practice Test</u> deadline
February 23rd	<u>Boosters Crab Feed</u> , Shrine Event Center in Livermore
February 24th	<u>ACT Practice Test</u> , 9am - 1pm, Foothill HS, Room B26
February 26th - March 2nd	Donversity Celebration Week
March 2nd	Minimum Day
March 27th	Diploma change information due to Office
April 2nd-6th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 9th - 20th	CAASPP Testing for Juniors
April 27-29th	<u>CA State PTA Annual Convention</u> , Ontario, CA
May 28th	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

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## From the Principals Desk - January Message



## PUSD and Pleasanton PD caution high school families and students regarding 'assassins' game

The game "Assassin" is now being played by students from Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School. This game is not sanctioned, supported, or approved by the Pleasanton Unified School District. The Pleasanton Police Department and the school district are collectively concerned about the safety of our youth, thus we are reaching out to parents and students with important information about this dangerous activity. [Learn more.](#)



## Upcoming Important Dates:

- Donversity Celebration Week: February 26 - March 2
- **ATTENTION JUNIORS:** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing window is from April 9-20.

- **ATTENTION SENIORS:** Diploma Change Forms due to Mrs. Stephenson in the office on March 27



## 2018-2019 Course Selection

The Course Selection period will be from Thursday, February 1 through Thursday, February 15. Course selection sheets were distributed in English classes in January. Course selection will be done online via Q at [sis.pleasantonusd.net/studentportal](http://sis.pleasantonusd.net/studentportal). The instructions on how to enter your course selections on Q, frequently asked questions, and the 2018-19 Program Guide will be available on the homepage of the Amador website.



## 2018 Commencement

**Class of 2018 Commencement**  
**Friday, June 1, 2018**  
**7:30pm - 9:30pm**  
**AVHS Stadium**

Please refer to the Senior NEwsletter for more details.

**To make a voluntary donation toward the Graduation Ceremony,  
please visit the [AVHS Webstore link](#).  
Thank you for your contribution!**

### Diploma Names:

Student names on diplomas will include the student's first, middle, and last name as it appears in Q. If you would like your name printed other than how it appears on the **Q Demographics page**, you must see Mrs. Stephenson in the main office to complete a Diploma Change Form.

Diploma Change Forms are due on **March 27th**.

### Diploma Presenters:

In May, students will have the opportunity to select their diploma presenters (from a list of current Amador staff only). Please look for an email from administration at that time.



## Updates from the AV Counseling Office

**AP Exam Registration closes on Friday, February 2.** Please register at: [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/052495](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/052495).

Counseling Workshop Offerings during Access on Thursdays in the Library! Come to the front desk in the Main Office to sign up.

- Feb. 7 (special Wednesday offering) and Feb. 8- Help with picking your classes for next year!
- Feb. 15- Seniors: Help with your Las Positas application
- Feb. 22- Seniors: Help with your Las Positas application (continued)

Watch for more upcoming workshop offerings this spring!

February 15: College Night for Juniors! 7-9 pm in the Amador Theater

**Remember to give your teachers and your counselor AT LEAST two weeks notice (of business/school days) for a letter of recommendation.**

-  [AV Guidance Counseling alphabetical breakdown Information](#)
-  [AV Counselor contact listing](#)



TV30 will cover the Amador Valley Dons playing host to the Granada Matadors varsity boys basketball game on Tuesday, February 6th. The game will be tape delayed and start airing on **Saturday, February 10th** at 4 p.m. on Comcast Cable channel 30, AT&T U-verse via channel 99, and streaming live on the station's website @[tv30.org](http://tv30.org).



### **PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: PUBLIC PREVIEW FOR PROPOSED NEW 6-8 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.**

Beginning January 12, 2018, and continuing until February 9, 2018, parents, staff, and community members will have an opportunity to preview new 6-8 instructional materials for Middle School Chorus proposed for District adoption. [More information found on shared document.](#)

If you have questions about this public preview, please contact Ken Rocha, Director of Secondary Education, at 426-4330.



### **After School Tutoring Available**

[Amador's Academic Assistance Program](#) is designed to provide students with additional support after school in the following core academic subject areas: **Math** (up to Pre-Calculus), **Science** (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), **English** and **History** (general support in college prep courses). **Tutoring is held Monday through Thursday until 4:00 p.m. in the Amador Library.** Tutors include teachers and peer tutors.



### **AVID Info/Resources**

The [AVID team](#) at Amador Valley wants to share monthly [tips and strategies](#) that are good for ALL students. Check back each month to see what is new! [FEBRUARY POSTED](#)



### **AV Quick Links**

- [Class of 2018 Senior Service Information](#)
- [Access Bell Schedule & FAQ](#)
- [From the Principal's Desk Video links \(check right side for links\)](#)



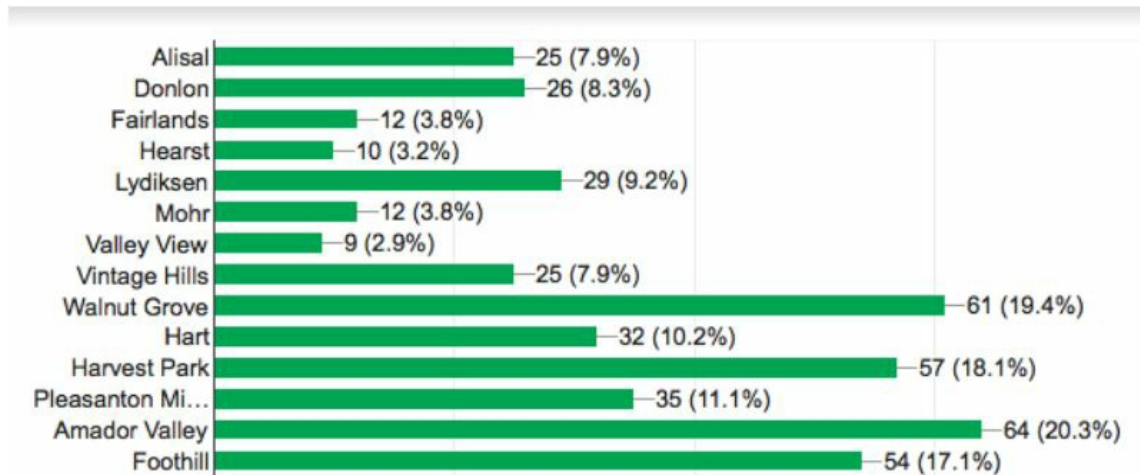
## PPIE Super Match Ends Super Bowl Sunday. Act NOW and double your Impact!



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in EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

Through February 4, PPIE is able to double your donation with matching funds from our major donors - your donation will fund: librarians and site tech specialists, new class sections in High School, and added classroom intervention to help students with math, technology and reading. This school year, your funds provided 2,250 extra hours for librarians and 2,070 extra hours for site technology specialists. In our high schools, you funded extra class sections for English and support counseling, a part-time library assistant, and new computers. This keeps school libraries open longer, ensures computer access and training for teachers and students, and lowers class size! Visit [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org) to learn more, donate and take our survey to tell us what staff to fund!

Our students need your help to maintain the high level of education that is synonymous with Pleasanton schools. Thank you for supporting our schools! Does your company offer corporate matching? Click [here](#) for an easy way to find out more. And contact us at [mail@ppie.org](mailto:mail@ppie.org) to see what PPIE funded at YOUR SCHOOL.



Support our Amador Valley staff directly with various classroom needs. Check the [links to the departments](#) and click the staff name you wish to support.

Be sure to check back often as new links are added or updated frequently. Thank you for supporting our Amazing AV Academic Team!

### Upcoming Events

Adult Education Event

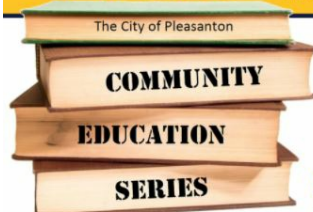
ACT Practice Test (2/24)

# Overloaded AND Underprepared

02.03.18

09:00AM to 12:00PM

Harvest Park Middle School  
4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton



The City of Pleasanton



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Denise Pope, Ph.D.**

Challenge Success Co-Founder,  
Stanford University Senior Lecturer,  
author of "Doing School" and co-author  
of "Overloaded and Underprepared."

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## Parenting Forum

- Learn how you can best support mentally & physically healthy kids who are engaged in learning & have strong connections with friends, families, & their communities.
- discover a healthier way to support your child through the college admissions process.
- breakout sessions to follow key note presentation.

**FREE Registration**

[Pleasantonfun.com](http://Pleasantonfun.com)

**Course 6698**



For more information please call 925-931-5359 or email [amcgobern@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:amcgobern@cityofpleasantonca.gov)

[Click to download flyer.](#)

## Get Sharp with C2

### ACT Practice Test

Gain experience by taking a full mock-test under realistic conditions. Along with this opportunity, we will provide you with full diagnostic information, so you can have the edge you need to fully prepare and take the real test with confidence. **Must sign up by Feb 21. Limited seats available.**

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018  
Time: 9:00am-1:00pm  
Location: Foothill High School, Room B26  
Cost: \$25

**IMPORTANT:** Test results will be released at the Giveback Event, along with a Diagnostic Presentation, on Wednesday, March 7, 6:30pm, FHS B26


Hosted by Amador Valley High School PTSA  
Presented by C2 Education Pleasanton

submit this portion only

2/24/18 ACT Practice Test

Please fill out this form and return it along with \$25 cash or check to the signup box next to the counseling desk. All checks should be made to AVHS PTSA. All proceeds benefit Amador Valley High School PTSA. If you have any questions, please email: [act@amadortpsa.com](mailto:act@amadortpsa.com)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



[Click to download form.](#)

## MLB Essay Contest for Grades 4-9

Major League Baseball and Scholastic are holding an essay contest for students grades 4 - 9 for its *Breaking Barriers: In Sports*, In Life program, which teaches students about the obstacles faced by Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson as he broke baseball's color barrier. For the MLB's Breaking Barriers essay contest, students submit an essay about barriers or obstacles they've faced in life, and how they overcame those obstacles using the values demonstrated by Jackie Robinson: citizenship, commitment, courage determination, excellence, integrity, justice, persistence, and teamwork. Entries are accepted in English and Spanish!

Ten national winners will be selected, with prizes including a trip to the 2018 MLB All-Star Game, 2018 World Series tickets, as well as student and teacher laptops. The essay submission **deadline is March 14** and winners will be notified in early April 2018. For more information, visit [www.scholastic.com/breakingbarriers](http://www.scholastic.com/breakingbarriers).

## AV SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE

Show your Amador Pride! AV Spirit Wear is available year round for purchase. There are Hoodies, Tees, Tanks, PJs and more available at our Spirit Store. There is a limited supply available at the activities desk in the office or contact [Laura Harris](#) for a full selection of items or text your order to 925-989-6298. We can fill orders in one day!

Spirit wear makes great gifts for current or incoming AV student! Go Dons!



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### STAY CONNECTED:



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Pleasanton, CA 94588

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[School Website](#)

Attendance #: 925-461-6186

[PTSA Website](#)

Counseling #: 925-461-6120

Principal: Michael Williams

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